

Utah Board of Juvenile Justice

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Date:	Friday, Feb. 25, 2005	Time:	8:00 – 10:30 am	Place:	Utah State Capitol Complex Arsenal Hill Conference Center, Room 2
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Members Present	Gary Anderson, Pat Berckman, Andria Burton, Maria Garciaz, Max Jackson, Willard Malmstrom, Holly Martak, Huy D. Nguyen, Carol Page, Russ Van Vleet
Members Excused	Leslie D. Brown, Michael Di Reda, Tonia Hashimoto, Jennifer Jolley, Dennis Martinez, Lonnie Thomas
Members Absent	Adam Cohen, Fred Peake, Natalie Thornley, Gary Dalton, Paul Tsosie
Staff & Visitors	Reg Garff, Jo Lynn Kruse, Darin Carver

Agenda Item:	Welcome and Chair's Report
Notes:	In Fred's absence, Holly Martak called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Pat Berckman read an editorial about juvenile justice policy from <u>Youth Today</u> titled " <i>Juvenile Justice, Back from the Doldrums.</i> " The article mentions the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, of which UBJJ is a member. Forty one states now belong to CJJ.

Agenda Item:	Committee Reports
Notes:	<p>Pre-Adjudicated Committee – Pat Berckman No report.</p> <p>Post-Adjudicated Committee – Adam Cohen No report.</p> <p>Title V Committee – Carol Page No report.</p> <p>Youth Committee/Do the Write Thing – Andria Burton Andria states that we have all the judges we need, except one. Still waiting to hear from the University of Utah. The Beesley's will participate and have agreed to donate money. Mary Kaye Huntsman will be a VIP Judge and our keynote speaker. The awards luncheon date has been changed to April 29th. The UBJJ meeting will precede it and grant requests will be distributed at that time. Scoring for DTWT essays will change next year. No two scores should be the same and will help eliminate ties. We received a total of 79 essays this year, down from last year's essays. Carol Page suggested the book <u>October Sky</u> as a gift for the VIP Judges. Every child that wrote an essay will receive a participation certificate signed by the governor. This year we depended solely on electronic communication to get the word out about the DTWT challenge, which was not as effective. Next year we plan on sending out postcards and/or posters to the schools. We'd also like to make a presentation to the UEA again.</p> <p>DMC – Reg Garff and Russ Van Vleet report for Mike DiReda The DMC Committee met yesterday; there were not a lot of changes. We would like those who are part of the DMC committee and others from the SAG group to participate in a day and a half strategic planning session. We've also requested new SAG training for our state advisory group, for half day training toward the end of May. There is legislation this year sponsored by Rep. Bordeaux, to move the commission on racial and ethnic fairness from the courts over to CCJJ. There is a \$120,000 fiscal note attached that would cover a full time director and a half time secretarial position. We previously talked about hiring a DMC coordinator for Utah. If this bill passes, we would have a chance to do that. Dennis Martinez reported on the universal probation agreement. The ABA National Conference was fairly well attended. Reg, Russ, Narda Beas-Nordel presented there. LEMY was also discussed. Pat Berckman is looking at DMC issues in the foster care system.</p>

	<p>Legislative Review – Carol Page</p> <p>Carol just received an update and the legislative committee met for the last time on Monday. A brief update on where we stand:</p> <p>HB 50 Criminal Penalty Amendment, support</p> <p>HB 89 Presumption of Responsibility for Abuse or Neglect, support</p> <p>HB 94 Youth Corrections Amendments, oppose</p> <p>HB 202 Revisions to Child Welfare – is in the senate. Last year it was HB266 and was supposed to be taken to an interim committee this summer. Not sure what has happened on it.</p> <p>HB 292 Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness, support</p> <p>HB 338 Child and Family Welfare Revisions, oppose</p> <p>SB 22 Drug Offender Reform Act, we support. DORA died, came back and died again. We are looking at doing a pilot project just to get something going.</p> <p>SB 62 Personal Property Transactions Amendments, support</p> <p>SB 91 Interstate Juvenile Compact, support</p> <p>SB 181 Criminal Code Amendments, support</p>
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Agenda Item:	Family Therapy Project – Darin Carver
Notes:	<p>Darin Carver, Weber County Human Services, thanked the board for funding received from UBJJ for the Multi-dimensional Family Therapy Project. He then gave an update on the progress that has been made. They are starting to see improvement in the families of the kids they are serving. The reason Darin approached UBJJ was because they were starting a juvenile drug court. They are now beginning to monitor outcomes of the families they are serving. The reason MDFT was chosen was because it was found to be a better treatment modality according to studies conducted by SAMSA. The kids report their own attitudes toward treatment and their own capacity to control urges or cravings. Kids fill out a report every 30 days while in drug court. The parents complete a questionnaire also. Behavior problems are a precursor to drug problems. Forty-five kids participated. Judges say drug court is very time consuming, but they still see the value. It will be very helpful for the judges to see the data showing progress. Ed Burnes is going to help Darin look at recidivism issues. Darin would like to invite the UBJJ board to the annual state supervision luncheon on April 21st. An invitation will be sent through Reg.</p> <p>Carol Page suggested that it would be a good idea to have Darin present at the UBJJ annual meeting. Russ Van Vleet stated that MDFT works better than supervision that was done previously. They couldn't track the money for one thing. They also had no way to measure outcomes.</p>

Agenda Item:	Juvenile Justice Specialist Report – Reg Garff
Notes:	<p>Reg received an email from Su Chon of the Asian Legal Committee. They would like to schedule a seminar on the Juvenile Justice system and ask that we help by finding a prosecutor and a defense attorney to participate. A Spanish translator would also be helpful. Reg thinks a juvenile judge should go too. Michelle Heward, a prosecutor in Ogden was suggested, as she teaches juvenile law at Weber State. Gary Anderson said he would help with defense. Judge Brown speaks Spanish and Judge Jones, who is on the DMC committee, might be available. Reg will give Su a list of names of willing people.</p> <p>LEMY Update –</p> <p>Gary Anderson, Judge Brown, Matt Davis and Reg visited LEMY. They found a lack of understanding definitions and unclear communication. LEMY provided some data immediately. Laura Martine provided a binder of information to them. A conference call was scheduled for yesterday, but has been postponed a week. Jerome Yates has changed the way he accounts his time (LEMY researcher).</p>

	<p>PDA's for survey implementation – Matt Davis has prepared the survey to the point that it can be loaded on a palm pilot. We still have \$23,415 left in the supplemental account. We still have \$35,710 left in the 2003 account which has to be spent by September. We would like them to purchase and own their own equipment. Russ Van Vleet made the motion to fund the purchase of the PDA's under Reg's supervision. Gary Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Jennifer Jolley voted electronically.)</p> <p>Youth Court State Advisory Board – They are requesting \$2,407 in funding to send four members of the Training Sub-Committee to attend the National Youth Court Center's First Professional Development Institute to be held in New York City April 6-8, 2005. Willard wants them to be trainers themselves. Willard Malmstrom made the motion to approve funding and require them to submit reports at six and twelve months on the training they have provided. Pat Berckman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Jennifer Jolley voted electronically.)</p> <p>Board Member Site Visit Reviews – Gary Anderson will be going to visit Delta- Communities First in March. Refer to the UBJJ October meeting notes on the web to see assignments.</p> <p>OJJDP Performance Measures Implementation – OJJDP has set up a nice website. There will be a training session in March for sub grantees in Springville. It is mandatory now for all grants.</p> <p>Grant application performance measures will be written into the RFP. JBIG grant application to OJJDP is due Monday. Title II and Title V are due the end of March. There is a problem in that OJJDP has not released allocations yet. We will have to use last year's numbers to release if we don't find out our allocation numbers before release of the RFP.</p> <p>We are in the process of putting together a data base of grants for the state. The website is www.grants.utah.gov. It will provide one-stop-shopping for those looking for grant money in Utah.</p>
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The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2005 at 8:00am, State Capitol Complex
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